

By

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SB. No. 1481

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Department of Water Resources to make certain information available to the public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0151 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0151. PUBLIC INFORMATION. (a) The department shall provide for publishing or otherwise releasing on a regular basis as public information:

(1) the results of inspections and investigations conducted under Section 26.014 of this code; and

(2) any other information routinely prepared by the department relating to compliance with this chapter or with a rule or order adopted under this chapter.

(b) The department shall establish a procedure by which, in response to a written request, a person or organization will be sent a copy of an inspection, investigation, or compliance report for a specified facility or system or for facilities or systems in a specified area or, on a regular basis, a copy of the information released under Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The department shall charge a reasonable fee for each copy sent under Subsection (b) of this section. The fee must be set at an amount that is estimated to be the cost of copying and mailing a copy of the report and must be paid in cash or by

1 cashier's check.

2 (d) A copy of a report shall be sent to the person or
3 organization requesting it not later than the 30th day after the
4 date on which the fee is paid or on which the report is made,
5 whichever is later.

6 (e) This section does not apply to any information excepted
7 under Section 3, Chapter 424, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular
8 Session, 1973 (Article 6252-17a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

10 SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the
11 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
12 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
13 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
14 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

AN ACT relating to requiring the Texas Department of Water Resources to make certain information available to the public.

Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

NATURAL RESOURCES

~~MAY 15 1985~~ Read, referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES

Reported favorably. _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed. _____

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by

{ unanimous consent.
{ _____ yeas, _____ nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules
suspended by vote of _____yeas, _____nays.

Read second time and $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ordered engrossed.} \\ \text{passed to third reading.} \end{array} \right.$

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of
 _____yeas, _____nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

Read third time and passed by { a viva-voce vote.
_____ yeas, _____ nays.

OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

Engrossed

Sent to House

ENGROSSING CLERK

Received from the Senate

Read first time and referred to Committee on _____

— Reported favorably amended, sent to Printer at _____

Printed and Distributed _____

Sent to Committee on Calendars _____

Read Second time (amended): passed to third reading (failed)

by (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays

_____ Present, not voting.

— Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas _____ nays _____ present not voting.

**Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by a
(Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas _____ nays
_____ present not voting.**

– Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

Returned to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House